



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Wednesday - November 6, 2002

- ***In the West***, showers continue to overspread the immediate coastal region of the ***Pacific Northwest***, but winter wheat areas farther inland remain too dry for normal crop development. Dry weather favors autumn fieldwork elsewhere in the ***West***, although effects from long-term precipitation deficits include drought-reduced irrigation reserves and severely stressed rangelands.
- ***On the Plains***, warmer weather is promoting some renewed winter wheat emergence and development, following an early-season cold snap. In parts of ***Montana***, yesterday's high temperatures topped 50 degrees F for the first time since October 19. Today's highs are forecast to range from 50 to 60 degrees F on the ***northern Plains*** and exceed 70 degrees F in ***western Texas***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, cool weather is slowing winter wheat development, while muddy fields are slowing corn and final soybean harvesting. However, the return of dry weather favors a gradual resumption of fieldwork .
- ***In the South***, showers are providing additional drought relief from ***Georgia northward***, and easing short-term rainfall deficits in ***Florida***. Farther west, dry weather prevails from ***southern and eastern Texas to the Delta***, but saturated fields continue to cause lowland flooding and significant fieldwork delays.

Outlook: A strengthening coastal storm will result in widespread snow across ***northern New England***. As the storm moves away from the coast, dry weather will return to the ***Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic States***. Farther west, dry conditions will accompany warmer weather across the ***Corn Belt, Delta, and Plains***. Stormy weather, including high winds and heavy precipitation, will overspread the ***Pacific Northwest and California***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for November 11-15 calls for above-normal precipitation across the ***eastern one-third of the U.S.*** and in the ***Pacific Northwest***, while below-normal amounts are forecast on the ***northern Plains***. Above-normal temperatures are expected in the ***Pacific Northwest*** and from the ***Great Lakes region into the Northeast***, while cooler-than-normal weather is expected from the ***Southwest to the Delta***.

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